



# City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

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Monday, September 8, 2025

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

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### 1. Call to Order

Chair McGowan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

**Present** 4 - Board Member Eik, Chair McGowan, Board Member Jackomin and Board Member Drumm

**Absent** 1 - Board Member Frattallone

### Also Present

Administrative Service Specialist Lane, and Staff Liaison Kalev.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

### 4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [25-2637](#) Approve the August 4, 2025, Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

Chair McGowan announced the item and request a motion.

***A motion was made by Board Member Drumm, seconded by Chair McGowan, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 4 - Board Member Eik, Chair McGowan, Board Member Jackomin and Drumm

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Frattallone

### 6. Welcome New Members

- A. [25-2471](#) New Environmental Advisory Board Member Introduction

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced and welcomed new board member.

Mr. Drumm introduced himself and spoke to experience.

Board Members welcomed Mr. Drumm and introduced themselves.

**7. Presentation**

**A. [25-2459](#) Presentation and Discussion Regarding Potential Future Development Projects in North Port**

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev provided a presentation including summary of June approvals, July approvals, and August approvals.

Discussion took place regarding inspections, reports, scope of stormwater system, permits, Emergency Operation Center, and Sarasota Memorial Hospital buffer zone.

**8. New Business**

**A. [25-2331](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Current and Potential Future North Port’s Beautification Initiatives**

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item.

Discussion took place regarding tree placement, hurricane damage, and checklist.

There was no public comment.

**B. [25-2333](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding North Port’s Environmental Scorecard**

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item.

Discussion took place regarding purple air, air quality, surface water quality, scorecard, environmental studies, report data, and wildfires.

There was no public comment.

**C. [25-2469](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Influence of Soil Properties on Vegetative Growth and Landscaping in North Port**

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item.

Discussion took place regarding mapping soil, amending soil, Natural Resources department, fill material, soil testing, and tree placement.

There was no public comment.

**D. [25-2470](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Gopher Tortoise Habitat**

Protection and Management Strategies in North Port

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item.

Discussion took place regarding process of placement for Gopher Tortoise, and relocation cost.

There was no public comment.

E. [25-2707](#)

Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding North Port's Tree Mitigation Process

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Mr. Kalev introduced the item.

Discussion took place regarding current tree mitigation process, impact fees, fines, State Statutes, private property development, tree removal, hurricane damage, endangered trees, flooding, swells, storm drains, and lake droppage.

There was no public comment.

***A motion was made by Board Member Drumm, seconded by Chair McGowan, to continue Item No. 25-2707 to the October 8, 2025, Environmental Advisory Board Meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:***

**Yes:** 4 - Board Member Eik, Chair McGowan, Board Member Jackomin and Drumm

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Frattallone

**9. Future Agenda Items**

Chair McGowan announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding eagle surveillance, tree location along main roadways, and appointment of Vice Chair.

**10. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**11. Adjournment**

Chair McGowan adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Casey McGowan, Chair